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For: INTERACTIVE DATA ANALYSIS SUPPORT APPARATUS AND MEDIA ON WHICH IS
RECORDED AN INTERACTIVE DATA ANALYSIS SUPPORT PROGRAM

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This response comes in response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on July 10, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8, 10-19 and 21-26 are pending.

No claims are amended.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-8, 10-19 AND 21-26 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Page 3 of the Action rejects claims 1-8, 10-19, 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Microsoft Excel ("Excel") in view of Fahey, U.S. Patent No. 5,970,476 (Hereinafter "Fahey"). The rejections are traversed below.

Claim 1 recites, "random extraction means for extracting data automatically at random